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Pushing for poultry

Council asked to allow backyard hens in Minden village

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The head of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association is asking Minden Hills to change its bylaws to facilitate the keeping of backyard hens.

Angel Taylor made a presentation to councillors at their Jan. 15 meeting and told them that under existing bylaws, keeping chickens – which are classified as live-stock – is only permitted in rural green space or hazard zones.

"They are prohibited in every other zone, regardless of acreage," Taylor said, adding she thought it was time the township review its planning bylaws and make some alterations. "Are the bylaws friendly to small-scale agricultural food production? I have a daughter who lives in L.A. They allow backyard chickens."

Taylor had researched how some neighbouring municipalities regulate the keeping of backyard hens and found that in Lake of Bays township and Huntsville, they are permitted in a number of zones, including rural residential, hillside residential and rural community residential.

The number of chickens residents may keep is dictated by the size of the property.

In Lake of Bays, five hens may be kept in a property less than .4 hectares (one acre) or 10 in a property of up to four hectares (10 acres).

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Pond hockey at Sandy Lane

A Dekes of Hazard player from Toronto battles for a puck against Kingston's Team One player during the first game of the 10th annual four-on-four Pond Hockey Tournament hosted by Sandy Lane Resort on Saturday, Jan. 17 in Halls Lake. There were 48 players who competed in the day's event won by the Dutch Rudders of Whitby, who returned for the seventh year and finished as last year's runners up. Last year's top team the Baby Daddies finished in third. Every team was guaranteed three games. The winners won free entry and accommodation for next year. /Darren Lum, Staff

Minden vying for Hockeyville title

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Minden is throwing its hat in the ring, joining Haliburton and many other communities across the nation in a bid to become Kraft Hockeyville.

Kraft Hockeyville is a contest where communities compete by demonstrating their love for hockey, started by CBC Sports and sponsored by Kraft Foods, the NHL and the NHL Players' Association.

Minden Hills's director of community services Mark Coleman said the community not only has a strong affinity for Canada's game, but also the greatest need for the money. (The top prize is \$100,000 plus hosting an NHL pre-season game. Making the top 10 garners a \$25,000 prize). Any amount will help with close to \$2.5 million in renovations needed to extend the lifespan of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, which is more than 40 years old.

"As much as we have two arenas in the county, I don't think we can just survive on one. I think they're both important. They both support each other because of the shared minor hockey league," Coleman said.

The outdated S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is in dire need of a major overhaul within the two years.

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Stouffer Street ideal location for housing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Stouffer Street is the preferred location of an affordable housing project in Minden, the head of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation says.

Hope Lee, CEO of the KLHHC, visited Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 15 meeting.

During the summer, the housing corporation attained seed funding from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for preliminary work on a potential project.

It used that funding for a needs analysis, business plan and preliminary drawings.

The corporation assessed the two lots

designated in the township's village development master plan as suitable for a housing facility – municipally owned land near the arena at Stouffer Street and the property where the fire hall is currently located – and deemed the Stouffer Street location preferable.

"It is a large site and we figure we can do some multiple phases there," Lee told council, adding the property would be serviceable with township water and sewer lines and was located outside Minden's floodplain. "We're not waiting on another building to be relocated."

The township has plans to eventually build a new fire hall on Highway 35. The current fire hall, at its Prince Street location, was damaged by the 2013 flood.

Lee said the first phase of the development would be a 12-unit, single-storey building for seniors and those with disabilities.

Plans include two fully accessible units as well as two market-rate rentals (usually a requirement with these types of projects), and accessible common areas.

All units would contain one bedroom.

The business plan for the development was approved by the KLHHC board in December.

Funding would come from all levels of government, with the City of Kawartha Lakes contributing \$1 million from its federal and provincial funding through the Investment for Affordable Housing in Ontario program to the project.

Lee is looking for Minden Hills to donate the property, waive rezoning and other municipal fees and provide relief from property taxes for 25 years.

She'll be asking Haliburton County for a \$100,000 donation and will be making a presentation to county council later this month.

The county contributed \$190,000 to the \$2 million affordable housing facility that opened on County Road 21 just outside Haliburton in 2013.

According to Hope, construction would ideally get underway in early 2016, with occupancy achieved in early 2017.

Occupants are determined by a waiting list with the KLHHC.

Decommissioning of reservoir incurs extra costs

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 15 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting:

The demolition and decommissioning of the old Minden Hills reservoir went over budget.

In September, council awarded the work on the reservoir, located near the water tower at the top of St. Germaine Street, to Northern Concrete Cutting and Coring for just less than \$20,000.

A Jan. 15 report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan

Ingram indicated that some \$2,500 in additional expenses had been paid after the contractor discovered major concrete support beams inside the reservoir, which required extra cutting in order to remove the roof. When cutting was finished it was discovered the amount of fill required had been underestimated, the cost for materials, trucking and wages associated amounting to more than \$8,300.

"Funding for the extras on this project will be paid through the annual balancing of the water department, through either a transfer to or from water reserves."

Redoing Bobcaygeon Road

Royal Paving will return in the spring to grind up and reapply the top layer of asphalt in the construction project that repaved Bobcaygeon Road from Peck Street to Highway 35 during the fall. According to a report from roads director Kevin Hill, "The late start date Royal Paving had in applying the final surface treatment to the street, combined with the weather, negatively affected the completion of the project. The second coat of the paving course of surface asphalt was completed in temperatures outside the Ontario Provincial Standard – 310 specifications. This has resulted in the road surface beginning to show signs of ravelling and inconsistent longitudinal and traverse joints in the pavement."

The report indicated the work will be completed at no additional cost to the township and that once the work is completed, it will pay the remainder of its bill.

Township purchases dump truck

Councillors agreed to give pre-budget approval for the release of a tender for a 2016 tandem dump truck as part of the township's capital replacement program. Roads director Kevin Hill said the truck was expected to cost about \$190,000.

New signage for Snowdon Park

The township will get new blue and white signage for Snowdon Park, located off County Road 1 near Gelert.

The costs for a four-by-eight foot double-sided entrance sign, the sign structure and two-by-three foot map installations at trail junctions throughout the park will total

about \$3,000.

"Snowdon Park has been one of the best-kept secrets in Minden Hills . . . and this is the beginning of that not being the case anymore," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

DRC recommends report on flood remediation

The disaster relief committee for Minden Hills is recommending the township hire engineers to create a flood remediation plan for Minden.

John Rogers, project manager for the DRC, told councillors such a report would cost approximately \$30,000, the work laid out in it to be completed for flood prevention much more.

"We need to be ready for the eventuality of a flood," Rogers said.

The relief process from the flood in spring of 2013 is wrapping up, with six claims – four residential, two commercial – of the 66 claims processed by the DRC still outstanding.

All repair work must be completed before applicants to the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program receive reimbursement. The program pays up to 90 per cent of the replacement value of essential furniture, appliances and structural damage.

Ninety per cent of the claims in Minden Hills totalled \$1.4 million and as of Aug. 14, 2014, Rogers said the DRC has asked for \$614,000 from ODRAP.

The community raised some \$780,000 for flood victims, as ODRAP demands that communities in disaster fundraise for themselves. Those dollars are then matched by the province at a ratio of up to two to one.

Jeanne Anthon had been chairwoman of the DRC but, in accordance with the rules, had to resign from that position after her election as a councillor on Oct. 27. Bill Obee is now chairman of the committee.

OPP lay drug charges

On Thursday, Jan. 15 around 11 p.m., the OPP stopped a vehicle driven by a 24-year-old Algonquin Highlands man with a 61-year-old passenger, also of Algonquin Highlands.

The officers determined the driver had

been drinking and he subsequently failed the screening test and was arrested. The police also found morphine and marijuana in the car.

The passenger was charged with "failing to comply with an undertaking."

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Impact of chickens minimal, Taylor says

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In Huntsville, up to six chickens may be kept in a .4 hectare lot and up to 12 on a four-hectare property.

Taylor said the municipalities do not allow backyard hens in shoreline residential areas at this time out of respect for the cottaging culture, but that one planner had told her changes might be considered if a worthwhile proposal was to come forward.

Taylor said the nitrogen and phosphorous levels from the manure of a small number of hens were not large enough to be of concern and that while the average chicken creates .19 pounds of manure per day, the average dog creates three-quarters of a pound, its feces much higher in nitrogen and phosphorous content than any kind of livestock.

A well-researched and sourced presentation explained the nutritional advantage of eggs from chickens who live on grass versus those kept in commercial farms and, as a farmer, Taylor spoke of the many advantages of having hens in the yard.

"They are great rototillers and produce high-quality manure," she said.

It was Taylor's suggestion that a committee including members of council, local farmers and community food advocates be struck to review the township's bylaws.

Her delegation was well-received by councillors.

"You have made such an excellent presentation," said Councillor Jeanne Anthon. "So many valid points."

"Thank you for the tone of it . . . that you are interested in having a discussion at a larger level," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "This has been on my radar for a while."

The reeve urged that until any changes were made, residents continue to abide by existing bylaws.

"We have rules that are on the books," Devolin said. "That doesn't give licence to individuals to break those rules before we change them."

Cat Angels seeks funding

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A group of Minden-area residents who have been caring for stray and feral cats are asking Minden Hills for funding to spay, neuter and vaccinate the animals.

Members of the group calling itself Cat Angels made a presentation to council at its Jan. 15 meeting.

Don Kerr told councillors that some municipalities have trap, neuter and return bylaws and fund the sterilization of stray cats to keep populations down.

"It's a policy that works great in the cities," Kerr said. "Unfortunately, we don't have that option here."

The group recently constructed a shelter and is in the process of relocating stray cats from three colonies in Minden to the facility, which can hold up to 24 felines.

The shelter is not meant to be a permanent home, but rather a facility for the socialization and eventual adoption of cats.

"Before we bring cats in, we want them neutered and vaccinated," Kerr said, adding this can be an expensive process.

It costs \$80 to neuter a male and \$150 for the spaying of a female. A local vet is offering vaccinations at a reduced rate of \$35, a service Kerr said would be ongoing service.

He said the group was looking at \$3,000 in vet bills and was hoping the township would provide a one-time grant for that amount.

Council will consider the request during upcoming budget considerations.

Ministry looks for testing sites for phosphorous reduction technology

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment is looking for testing sites for new technology it says can remove phosphorus from lakes.

Victor Castro, a surface water specialist with the eastern region of the MOE, spoke to Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 15 meeting.

The technology, developed through ministry-funded research at the University of Waterloo, uses what Castro referred to as "black boxes" to lower the phosphorus level in water bodies.

Too much phosphorus in lakes is unhealthy, as it lowers oxygen levels.

As Castro explained, the boxes – metal cabinets – use a process called electro-coagulation to treat the water by electricity through an iron rod.

"The science behind these boxes is valid," he said. "The initial results look really, really promising."

As Castro explained, the government is looking to verify results through more widespread testing and is looking for 12 to 15 testing sites.

This requires municipal involvement.

"I don't see any risk to the municipalities," Castro said. "We're satisfied that the technology works."

So far, the province has gotten the go-ahead for testing on Lanark Lake, Red Trout Lake and Lake Manitou.

The province caps development on lakes – labels them as "at capacity" – when they have less than seven milligrams per litre of dissolved oxygen. The idea is that by removing phosphorous, dissolved oxygen levels would increase and lakes currently deemed at capacity could potentially take on more development.

"The province will eventually have to review its development of policies for these types of lakes," Castro said.

He said test sites so far have involved developers, since they have a vested interest in getting something back.

Councillor Jean Neville asked if these developers were helping fund the research of the technology, to which Castro responded no.

Since the iron bars used in the process dissolve and need to be replaced, Neville also expressed concern the process just seemed like it was replacing one element – phosphorous – with another – iron.

A number of councillors expressed concerns over the idea, including Councillor Pam Sayne, who wondered if these boxes created any noise.

Castro said to his knowledge the technology created no intrusive sounds and also emphasized that after water is treated in the boxes, it passes through a weeping tile filtration system before returning to the lakes.

"We will need to decide, first of all, whether we want to be the guinea pig in the process," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

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Algonquin Highlands commits to septic re-inspection

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 15 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

A successful program from the past could be reappearing in Algonquin Highlands.

Councillors committed to a future septic re-inspection program, however how that program will look is not yet known.

Following a successful program launched in the early 2000s, the township has expressed interest in establishing a similar program, to ensure protection of local waterbodies, wrote chief administrative officer Angie Bird in her report to council.

However details of the program, such as who will administer inspections, how much it will cost users and how public education will be handled, still need to be worked out.

Reeve Carol Moffatt pointed to the health of area lakes as a necessity for the area and tourism industry, adding a septic program was helpful in keeping lakes healthy.

Councillors passed a resolution to implement a septic re-inspection program.

Township considering cabin pilot project

Those looking to enjoy the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails may soon also be able to enjoy rustic accommodations.

Parks, recreation and trails manager Dave Drobitch brought forth a proposal to fix up an existing cabin and offer it as a rental to visitors.

The cabin Drobitch proposed is known as Bear Cabin on Dan Lake.

"The cabin is situated beside the lake, has ample space, and can offer an enhanced experience to HHWT trippers at the end of routes starting from any of our Frost access points," wrote Drobitch in his staff report.

The manager went on to explain that people are requesting cabin accommodations and that there is a potential for the municipality to make money.

"Camping markets are demonstrating a strong demand for roofed accommodations, including rustic cabins. HHWT staff have received numerous inquiries on this, including for cabins already in place.

"A review of cabins in use elsewhere has demonstrated that we have the necessary resources to pilot such a project on a low-risk basis," read Drobitch's report.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen expressed concern about liability issues that might arise, which was echoed by Moffatt, while other councillors were supportive of the idea.

Drobitch explained the pilot project would be offered for three seasons of the year, excluding summer. The manager said if the project was successful, there were other cabins that could be considered as well.

An initial fee of \$5,000 would be need-

ed to fix up the cabin prior to renting it out, said Drobitch.

Councillors agreed to give the program a try, pending budget deliberations.

Deputy-reeve seeking spot on ROMA

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen is eyeing a spot on the board of directors of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

Councillors supported her nomination to

the board, which had already received support from members of Haliburton County council.

Danielsen said if successful, she is hoping to use her position to ensure lines of communication are open between ROMA and local municipalities.

Moffatt said Danielsen could face stiff competition for the position but wished her success.

Roads budget could cost county \$6 million in 2015

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors would need to find \$1.2 million to keep this year's budget in line with last.

Councillors heard draft budgets from department heads during committee meetings on Jan. 14.

While in 2014 the county raised \$13 million of its nearly \$19 million budget through taxation, to provide the services and complete the projects laid out in the draft budget for 2015 it would need to raise \$14.2 million, representing a \$1.2 million increase over last year, or an increase of approximately nine per cent.

Last year, there was a two per cent tax increase at the county level.

"As you know, it's not a good news budget for me," treasurer Laura Janke told councillors.

There are a number of financial pressures driving the increase.

One is that the municipality will see a \$136,000 decrease in equalization payments from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, continuing a years' long trend.

Another is nearly \$300,000 worth of repairs required to the Dark Lake bridge.

The roads department is requesting an additional \$100,000 for its winter maintenance reserve, as last year's extreme winter weather, coupled with flooding around Canada Day, left the department with a shortfall for 2014.

The roads department has the largest budget of any department, costing approximately \$5.4 million in 2014.

There is an increase in the capital projects line of the roads budget, with a jump of \$111,000.

There is a total of \$2.588 million worth of capital projects in the draft roads budget. This includes \$1.13 million for the reconstruction of 5.4 kilometres of Kennis Lake Road; \$650,000 of work along 8.5 kilometres of Haliburton Lake Road; \$412,000 for surface treatment of 6.4 kilometres of Eagle Lake Road; \$378,000 for grading and draining along 1.8 kilometres of County Road 503; and \$42,000 for 0.2 kilometres worth of work along County Road 507.

There is also \$120,000 allotted for blasting, tree-clearing and road realignment around what is known as the Coleman Lake Curve on County Road 7, in order to improve sight lines.

The overall 2015 roads draft budget –

including some \$2.992 million in maintenance costs – is for \$6.080 million.

Janke pointed out that the roads items were really the only items driving the increase that were within council's control.

Out of its control is the legislated increase in its social services budget, which will jump by some \$200,000.

Council has also voted to hire an additional staff member for the county's stretched IT department, which will cost \$50,000.

There will also be a two per cent increase in many wages (as per collective agreements), as well as other expenses such as hydro.

Wages comprise about 80 per cent of the budget.

So far, council has received one written request for funding for the year. That request came from Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association which operates the Haliburton fish hatchery and at one time received as much as \$25,000 per year from the upper tier.

The request was for \$10,000, the same amount the HHOA received last year. When council granted the association the grant in 2014, councillors asked members to demonstrate, tangibly, how the hatchery contributed to the county's tourism economy.

"They didn't do it," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt, adding council needs to examine whether continuing to support the HHOA is a good use of county dollars.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen pointed out that even if the county wasn't giving the outdoors association a grant, it didn't mean the municipality wasn't "supporting" the organization.

"We partner and promote with a number of organizations," Virtanen said.

"They are maintaining this facility to produce these fish," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's huge for tourism. I see the people on our lake and they're not cottagers. I don't want them to go out of business."

Councillors decided to leave the item on the list for further discussion and chief administrative officer Jim Wilson suggested having members of the HHOA do a presentation on Jan. 28.

County council will deliberate the full draft budget at its Jan. 28 meeting.

"There will be some tough decisions between now and the 28th of January," Janke said.

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County encourages visitors to ‘Unwind Local’

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Unwind Local.

That’s the message of Haliburton County’s 2015 marketing campaign.

Playing on the #MyHaliburtonHighlands program she introduced last year, tourism director Amanda Virtanen unveiled the Unwind Local campaign to councillors at a Jan. 14 committee meeting

The promotional video – created by local production company Positive Media – is a fast-paced montage of video clips showing bubbling local beers, canoeing, fishing and campfire scenes, local musical performances and more, all set to the sort of youthful music one might hear

tumbling out of a bar on Toronto’s Ossington Avenue.

Near the end, a series of “un” words – unmatched, unparalleled, etc. – cycle on the screen, ending with “Unwind Local.”

The phrase is a take on the popular Eat Local and Shop Local trends, Virtanen explaining that in this case, “local” applied to anyone in regional proximity to Haliburton County.

Committee member Bruce Ballantine was quick to point out that, to be grammatically correct, the slogan should read, “Unwind Locally.”

“It fits nicely with the trend,” Virtanen said.

“The unfortunate trend,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who admitted she’d struggled with the grammatical incorrectness but decided that in the end, it was in the county’s best interest to capitalize on the

trend. “It is modern and you just have to go with that.”

Councillors had suggestions for the video, Moffatt pointing out there weren’t many middle-aged people depicted and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin noting there was an absence of motor sports.

Virtanen said the video was a draft and that other footage could be incorporated, the music changed, depending on council’s preference.

The tourism department’s advertising budget for 2015 is \$115,000, some of that going toward the creation of promotional videos.

Virtanen said she also planned to take advantage of a YouTube advertising opportunity, which costs nothing if viewers click away within the first eight seconds.

Getting tough with customer service in the Highlands

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County may be exercising some tough love when it comes to customer service at businesses within its borders.

The idea of conducting a true “mystery shopper” style assessment was discussed during a meeting of the county’s tourism committee on Jan. 14.

Such mystery shopper assessments have been performed in the municipality in the past, however, on a voluntary basis.

As county councillors have discussed in the past, often it’s the businesses that do not want to part of such exercises that could use the most improvement.

At last week’s meeting, committee member Bruce

Ballentine, who sits on the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders Committee, said it had been suggested at a stakeholders meeting the assessments simply be performed and that business owners could be approached afterwards about whether or not they wanted to hear the results.

“I’m glad to hear you’re interested in taking a more aggressive approach,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt. “I think it’s maybe time in the county for a little bit of tough love. There are probably half a dozen people in this room who have had poor customer service experiences in Haliburton County.”

Ballentine said that in a tourism economy, every business – every gas station, every lumberyard – was also in the tourism business.

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I think it’s maybe time in the county for a bit of tough love. There are probably half a dozen people in this room who have had poor customer service experiences in Haliburton County.

— Carol Moffatt
Algonquin Highlands Reeve

County can’t afford to build tourism building in near future

Director suggests building new welcome centre near county EMS base

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The county’s tourism director has suggested to county council that the department get a new building on the property where the county is building its new EMS base.

Councillors received a staff report with the recommendation during a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting.

For years, the county’s tourism information office has been located in a small building off Highway 35 in Minden. The county leases the building from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The current, one-year lease expires this summer.

“The space isn’t ideal for a variety of reasons . . . it’s an aging building,” Amanda Virtanen told councillors.

The county pays \$1,200 a month, plus utilities and maintenance fees, for the space.

Virtanen’s preferred option was for the county to purchase an EcoLog home kit, erecting the building just north of the new EMS base, which is scheduled to open in April.

That project is costing the county some \$1.2 million and it’s already spent about \$800,000 on the acquisition and servicing of the property.

Other options included placing an EcoLog building on a property owned by a third party (the vacant lot at the Carnarvon intersection was mentioned in the staff report) or renting one of the units in the strip mall being constructed at the intersection of Highway 35 and County Road 21 by the owners of HP Superstore. A 900-square-

foot unit in that building would cost approximately \$1,600 a month, plus utilities.

Staying with the status quo was also an option.

While councillors liked option No. 1, they agreed now was not the time.

“Option 1 is the only one that has a huge capital requirement,” said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, stressing county council was facing a difficult budget year. “I just don’t think in 2015 we can consider that.”

His colleagues expressed similar sentiments.

“I totally agree this isn’t the time to go about investing in a new property,” said Highlands East Deputy-revee Suzanne Partridge.

Councillors agreed that pending review of property lines, they’d retain a chunk of the former Walker’s Auto Repair property for the purpose in the future.



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"SO WE AGREE: IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD BOOK WE SHOULD
ALL READ SOME DAY, PROVIDED WE CAN FIND THE TIME."

For cluck's sake

LAWS MUST CHANGE
to reflect the values of the
societies they govern.

In this country, that has meant
the execution of the death penalty,
the legalization of same-sex
marriage and will, before long,
include the legalization, or at least
decriminalization, of marijuana.

At the municipal level, so must
bylaws evolve to suit community
needs.

Last week, Angel Taylor,
chairwoman of the Haliburton
County Farmers' Market
Association, visited Minden Hills
council requesting a
committee be struck
to review zoning
bylaws for the
accommodation of
backyard hens.

At present, chickens
are only permitted in
areas labelled rural
green space or hazard
zones – regardless of
property size – and
the regulations should
certainly be changed
to allow residents to more easily
keep chickens if they so choose.

If it can be done in urban
communities such Guelph,
Kingston and Niagara Falls, there's
certainly no reason it can't be done
in a place that is much more rural.

It seems likely that opponents
of the concept will cluck about
noise, however, it's important to
remember that hens don't require
roosters to lay eggs – only to
produce chicks.

While hens do of course generate
some noise, it's nothing compared
to the boisterous "cock-a-doodle-
do" crow of the rooster.

Allowing hens does not mean
allowing roosters. Nor should it.

Other responsible controls can be
put in place.

A logical one is tying the number

of birds allowed to the property
size.

In one Muskokan municipality
that permits the practice, up to five
hens are permitted on properties
of up to .4 hectares (one acre) and
up to 10 on four-hectare (10 acre)
properties.

In another, the number of hens is
six and 12, respectively.

While keeping backyard hens out
of shoreline residential areas may
seem a no-brainer to some, since
chicken manure is actually much
lower in nitrogen and phosphorus
than doggy do-do, it's difficult to

make the argument
that excrement from
a few chickens would
cause any significant
environmental
degradation,
especially if the
chickens, which don't
wander much, were
kept far from the
shoreline.

With property
size requirements
and setbacks, it's

reasonable that a large shoreline
property could house a chicken
coop.

We live in a society that is
increasingly, and rightfully,
concerned about where its food is
coming from and there is a growing
local food movement in Haliburton
County.

This is about giving residents the
right to provide for themselves food
that is healthier and, in the long run,
cheaper than what they can get at
most grocery stores.

Who doesn't want that option?

So let Minden Hills be a purveyor
of poultry, an advocate of eggs, a
hero for hens and a champion of
chickens.

Time for the township's planning
to keep pace with the needs and
wants of its citizens.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Robot?

THIS MORNING I was reading an
interesting feature article on robots
– which, believe it or not, is the next
technological road we seem to be headed
down. Robots now build cars, vacuum car-
pets, clean pools, wash windows, care for
pets, provide entertainment or home secu-
rity as well as a host of other things.

I am not opposed to robots, provided that
they are also shorter than me, shovel drive-
ways, do dishes and mow lawns, come with
fish finders, electric motors and can paddle
a canoe.

Last, they should be programmed not to
hurt humans. If we have learned nothing
else from science-fiction movies, it should
be this.

Hurting should not just be
restricted to physical harm
either. It should also in-
clude our feelings. No one
likes a smart ass robot.

All this aside, I'm trou-
bled by something one of
the robot developers said.
Basically, he told the writer
of the feature, "Don't ex-
pect robots to understand
you."

Suddenly, this confirmed
what I have been thinking
for quite a while – almost everyone around
me is a robot.

You have your doubts? Well, the other
day I sat down with Jenn and started tell-
ing her about how I had discovered that the
best way to tie an elk hair caddis fly was the
way the inventor, Al Troth, had sug-
gested – with the hackle attached up front,
palmered to the bend and counter-wound
with fine gold wire forward.

I couldn't have been clearer but some-
how she didn't understand.

At first, I chalked it up to her complete
lack of interest in fly tying. Now, however,
I'm starting to suspect that she might be
a robot – and one with a highly advanced

sense of sarcastic disinterest too.

And she's not the only one either.

I told the exact same thing to a group of
kids at the pizza place in town just so they
knew I was "with it."

You guessed it. They didn't seem to un-
derstand either. The good news is after that
they referred to me as a "Dweeb," which
I'm sure is a robot word for "with it."

Nor does it end there. This morning at
the post office, I told the person at the
counter that I was hoping to go ice fish-
ing sometime this week. I then went on to
describe the joys of open air ice fishing and
how I love to feel a brisk north wind ca-
ressing freshly formed nasal icicles. I then

mentioned that I only feel
truly alive when I can't feel
my extremities.

She just looked at me,
shook her robotic head and
said, "I don't understand
you at all."

Frankly, I hear this com-
ment so many times a
week I am beginning to
doubt that there are any
real live humans around me
anymore.

Between us, I'm more
than a bit concerned.

A lot of people think that robots are the
answer to everything. They think that the
rise of the robot culture might elevate man-
kind and give us free time to pursue more
important things like watching Game of
Thrones, which has nothing to do with toi-
lets by the way.

That might be true. But every time I
think about robots and how perfect they
are, I think that they are probably being
built by the same people that built my first
car, a 1980 Mercury Bobcat.

And then I'm very afraid.

Of course, most of you wouldn't under-
stand. Right?



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Chasing Chaga

THE VOICE ON the telephone is burbling with excitement. "I've just stumbled across information that is going to make you a millionaire."

I've heard this line before, but decide to listen anyway. Hey, you never know.

"You have a lot of birch trees on your lot don't you?" the voice asks. "And I'll bet every one of them is carrying this miracle drug I've been reading about."

I listen patiently as my friend tells me about chaga and how it can make me millions.

Chaga? Never heard of it, or if I have I have forgotten it. So I consult that ever-flowing font of knowledge, Ms. Google. I learn that chaga, known as a dietary supplement in Russia and environs for centuries, is being marketed as a cure for everything that ails humankind.

Chaga is a large, dense black mass that you see on some older birch trees. It is not the smaller black marks on the white outer bark. Those are lenticels, openings that permit the passage of gases from the tree's inner tissues. Chaga is actually a fungus; in fact it is a mushroom, although it does not look like any mushroom you have ever seen.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

It looks like a clinker you would find in the remains of a coal fire. Or a piece of natural charcoal. When chopped from the tree, the chaga interior is rusty yellow-brown in colour. The inside appears granular but is harder than it looks. My caller tried turning it to powder in a coffee grinder and broke the grinder. The yellowish interior is not that hard but the black exterior is rock hard.

Ground chaga is used to make a herbal tea. It is known to have strong antioxidant properties and is

touted as strengthening the immune system and generally improving a person's well being. It also has anti-inflammatory properties and is said to help lessen hypertension and improve digestion.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn introduced western readers to chaga as a traditional Slavic anti-cancer remedy in his 1967 novel *The Cancer Ward*. There's a lot of hype floating around about the book creating a world-wide awareness of chaga. In fact, chaga has gained significant international recognition only in the last 15 years or so.

Internet marketing says Siberians who drink chaga tea every day live to 85 to 100, while those who don't live only until 50. The Internet also has some highfalutin names for chaga, such as Mushroom of Immortality, The Diamond of the Forest, Gift from God and The King of Plants.

There doesn't seem to be much doubt about the medicinal qualities of chaga. However, there are no conclusive studies that show it can do all the wonderful things that the marketers attribute to it.

There is a danger that chaga can interact with other drugs and create unwanted consequences. For instance, it is believed that it can cause bleeding if used with anti-coagulant drugs such as warfarin, or even aspirin. So anyone planning to use chaga should talk to their physician or at least do some serious reading.

The widening popularity of chaga presents a danger to the mushroom itself. There have been reports of people stripping the forests of all the chaga they can carry and selling it for \$25 to \$30 a pound. Chaga grows slowly and only on a small number of birches. Widespread harvesting for profit can clear an area of all its chaga in a short time.

People who harvest chaga for themselves cut off small portions of the growth and leave the rest for future. Those who harvest it for profit usually whack off the entire growth with an axe or a saw.

Chaga can be cultivated but this is not easy and the cultivated chaga is said to be significantly inferior to the wild harvested fungus.

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Guitarist coming to Minden

Jack de Keyser is "the finest blues guitarist in Canada." So said Jeff Healy, no slouch himself. None other than Bob Dylan said "If Jack de Keyser was from Chicago, New York or LA, he'd be famous." Accolades just don't get much better than that. And that's why performers like Etta James, Ronnie Hawkins, Bo Diddley and Blue Rodeo have all asked the blues great to play on their albums.

De Keyser has released eight of his own CDs plus a DVD, and his awards are too numerous to mention in total. Let's just say that he's a two time Juno winner for Best Blues Album, and a seven time Maple Blues Award recipient. He also took first place in the International Songwriters Competition and won CBS's Great Canadian Blues Award, from a pole of radio listeners.

An incendiary live performer, soulful vocalist and world class songwriter, de Keyser performs an average of 180 shows per year and has brought audiences to their feet at many major Jazz and Blues Festivals including the Montreal Jazz Fest, Blues Sur Seine (France) the Ottawa Blues Festival and Puerto Blues (Mexico).

Always touring with an incredible band, Jack will have you rocking in your seat. "We'll be playing a combination of my award winning original tunes with some classic blues, rock, funk, r&b and jazz covers," de Keyser says, "and I'll be bringing my latest CD *Voodoo Boogie*, which is

the live companion disc to 2010 Juno winner *The Corktown Sessions*.

Jack de Keyser will be appearing with his band at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Jan. 24, as part of the Canadian Blues Legends series. A few tickets might still be available by pick-up at the hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Road Minden.

Submitted



This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Jan. 21, 2005 issue:

Carol Moffatt is \$20,000 shy of having raised \$150,000 for the rehabilitation of the Hawk Lake Log Chute, active during the heyday of Haliburton's logging industry between about 1880 and 1930. While the chute had been rebuilt a couple of times – the last time being in 1971 – it had fallen into a state of disrepair. Moffatt had been approached by the former Stanhope township in 1999 to draft an application for government funding for the project. While that application was eventually declined, Moffatt had raised thousands of dollars by that time and so kept on going.

John Hogg, who'd been volunteer fire chief of the Stanhope hall since 1998, becomes the first full-time fire chief in Algonquin Highlands township. Council had hired an independent consultant to go through the 53 applications received for the position – most from local firefighters – and Hogg was chosen from six finalists.

The YWCA buys the Lions Centre on Minden's Bobcaygeon Road and announces that by fall, a safe space for women seeking re-

spite from domestic abuse will open. The Lions Club also made a significant donation toward the project, although Martha Perkins reported it was becoming more difficult for the club to raise money. No smoking legislation had killed the club's weekly Bingo games at the community centre, which once netted the club some \$60,000 a year.

Minden Hills council forbids the use of fire department equipment in the filling of residents' swimming pools and ice rinks. Up until that point, it had been customary for the department to provide this service in exchange for donations.

From the Jan. 22, 1990 issue:

Lower-tier councillors from throughout Haliburton County meet to discuss the establishment of an official plan – an overarching document that will guide planning practices in the municipality, with meetings taking place in Stanhope, Gooderham and Minden.

"The idea of having an official plan to cover all of Haliburton County originated from strong recommendations from the Economic Development Strategy completed for Haliburton County," the front page story reads. "Only three of the county's 10 municipalities have official plans. They are Minden, Dysart and Cardiff."

Bryan Jackson and Peter Mathwick are the new owners of Minden's Dominion Hotel. A story titled "A new look for old tavern," details the extensive renovations completed by the new owners. Plans included getting the kitchen going again, refurbishing the outside of the building – including the balcony – and having live music on weekends.

Denyer's rink readies for regionals

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Minden Curling Club's Alyssa Denyer and her rink are taking their recent B side winning performance at the Ontario Curling Association (OCA) bantam zone five playdowns as sign of things to come.

Skipped by Denyer of Minden, the team of Emma Seed-Binnie, lead, Tori Hawley, second, of Haliburton and Emma Cox, vice, of Tillsonburg (former Minden resident) is confident about a successful run at the OCA bantam regional playdowns from Jan. 24 to 25 in Peterborough.

"We know that going into regions there is some big competition that we will have to face, but we have played them earlier this season. We have learned what we have to do and how we have to play in order to win," she said. "There is no doubt in my mind that if our team comes together and plays well like we did in our last two games in zones we will be able to advance to provincials. We know we have the ability we just have to stay focused and intense through every end. We have a great dynamic as a team and know that our last year of bantam competition is going to be our best."

With the exception of Fenelon Falls' Seed-Binnie, who is 15, the entire team is 16.

The Scotto Electric, Dollo's Foodland,



Fenelon Falls Subway and the Rotary Club of Fenelon Falls sponsored team earned its regional OCA spot the hard way by winning two straight must-win games at the zones.

Denyer said the team's "rocky" start was attributed to adjusting to the ice conditions in its opening game loss to a Peterborough

rink, forcing a must-win scenario to win the B side and a regional berth.

One of those wins came against Sam Miller's rink of Haliburton.

"We played really well and ended up with a big win. For our B final game we had to play the same team we played first. Confident after our last win, we played

The Minden Curling Club bantam girls rink's coach Russ Duhaime, skip Alyssa Denyer, second, Tori Hawley, vice, Emma Cox and lead, Emma Seed-Binnie are excited for a strong performance at the OCA bantam girls' regionals this weekend in Peterborough for a berth to the OCA provincials. The top two teams at the regionals will advance.

Submitted
by Alyssa Denyer

our best game of the season and came out with a big win. We played with focus and intensity and came together to make it to regions," she said.

Denyer said the team is lucky to have coach and Highlands resident Russ Duhaime, who has been with the team since it started four years ago. His experience has helped the team earn three consecutive trips to the region level.

She said Duhaime deserves a big thank you for how he has been with the team since the beginning and helped develop their game over the years we have been together.

This year the team added Seed-Binnie.

The top zone five representative is the Bobcaygeon-based team that includes Minden's Alanna Casper.

Denyer knows the team well and is well aware of how dangerous they are.

"[Casper] has just recently joined Team Humphries from Bobcaygeon, and surprisingly [we] have not played against them yet this season. We have watched them closely and know what to do in order to win because they certainly are a force to be reckoned with," she said.

Denyer, who has been to the all-provincials for the Red Hawks, has never earned a trip to the OCA bantam provincial level.

"As a team we have been close to provincials a couple times, but have never been able to grasp it," she said.



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Bobcaygeon team has strong local connection

Minden's Alanna Casper part of winning team headed for playdowns Jan. 24 to 25

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A local youth curler is making favourites of an established team based in Bobcaygeon.

Back in December, Minden's Alanna Casper, 15, joined the Hydro One sponsored team of Jessica Humphries, 16, skip, Audrey Wallbank, 16, vice, Taylor Barton, 16, second, when the team's lead was unable to compete this season.

With an unbeaten record through seven games at major competitions, including a 2-0 record at the Ontario Curling Association bantam girls' zone five playdowns, the team that curls out of the Bobcaygeon Curling Club expects to continue its winning ways at the OCA bantam girls' regional playdowns from Jan. 24 to 25 in Peterborough.

The top two teams from the regional level championship, which will include an eight-team field, will advance to the provincial competition, the highest level of competition for bantam teams.

According to Casper, if they can win three straight games they will advance by winning the A side. But if they drop their first then they will be relegated to the B side and must win the rest of their games to advance.

The team's road leading up to the regionals included a dominant 5-0 record from the Toronto Curling Association Bantam Championships two-day bonspiel several weeks earlier, which included a trophy, banner and \$1,500 top prize for the team.

Casper and this group of girls had wanted to be a team long before this season.

She has known the team members for several years and it's this familiarity that

is an advantage on the ice and off, whether it's being able to joke around in practice or know when someone needs cheering up after a bad shot.

The team's motto, she said, is to "be the rock."

At times, she is looked to keep things light when her teammates get frustrated.

"I normally cheer up the team because I'm the lead that always sings on the ice and cheers up the team. I'm very positive," she said.

Another factor in the team's success is its short memory.

Once a game is done, she said, the team often leaves a bad game behind on the ice to look to the next one.

"We try to concentrate on that game, that end and that rock and take it one step at a time," she said.

She adds the team will try to work on improving communication, their consistency regarding shots and to execute better weight delivery with the rock depending on the situation in the lead up to regionals.

The team's coach and the skip's dad Reg Humphries, who works in Minden, said success isn't new to this team.

Last year's team wasn't expected to win because it was younger and they "played above themselves," he said.

Before Casper joined, the team advanced to provincials by winning the regionals.

Casper said she has won at the zone level multiple times, but if she advances to provincials it will be her first time.

Reg started to coach when his daughter began curling competitively several years ago. He was a competitive curler for close to 20 years before that.

Although the coach thought the team didn't play as well at the zone level as they



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From left, the Bobcaygeon Curling Club's bantam girls rink's coach Reg Humphries; Jessica Humphries, skip; Audrey Wallbank, vice; Taylor Barton, second; and Alanna Casper, lead. Casper is from Minden and a student at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The team is heading into the OCA bantam girls' regionals this weekend in Peterborough as solid contenders. The team, which added Casper this past December, appreciates the generous support of their sponsor Hydro One.

did at the TCA event, the team learned a valuable lesson in not taking any ends of games off or taking any team lightly.

He said this team's maturity is what distinguishes the group from the rest of the pack.

"This year they're going in kind of as the favourites I would say. That carries a little more pressure also. Anything can happen in sports ... because you're the favourites you got to prove it," he said.

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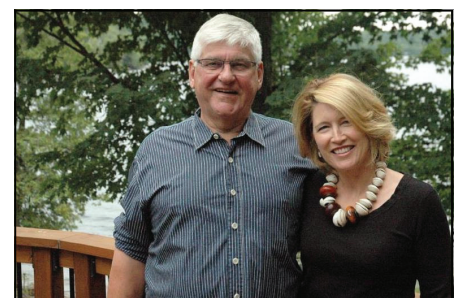
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Community invited to assist in application

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Haliburton last year.

This facility, Coleman said, services more than just hockey, as it is used by a variety of organizations and clubs.

"We, the community, obviously feel just as much as Haliburton, [that we] share in the hockey spirit within the Haliburton Highlands and a lot of the same great players Haliburton takes credit for, well they've played here too," he said. "We have lots of hockey spirit in Minden."

The arena has been the rink used by Haliburton Hockey Haven campers during the summer.

Coleman, who wasn't certain about specifics, points out there were several community rink facilities over the years,

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We have lots of hockey spirit in Minden.

— Mark Coleman

demonstrating the support for hockey in Minden.

"Minden is very representative of small town rural Canada where hockey is a pre-dominant life sport activity within the

community. It's very much part of our youth. It carries with us as we develop into adults," he said.

He's already noticed "interest and excitement from the community" about the competition.

Whether or not Minden is deserving will depend in large part on the support demonstrated between now and when nominations end on Feb. 8 to decide the top 10 communities, which win \$25,000. The Kraft Hockeyville winner will be announced on April 4 on *Hockey Night in Canada*.

On Jan. 31, he said, Minden residents can show their support by wearing a hockey jersey and come for the group photo at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 10 a.m.

In regards to Haliburton's claim to several NHL players, Coleman contends Minden has also had an influence on them.

Coleman said there are as many reasons for why Minden should win, as there are people in the municipality.

"If somebody feels they can write just as good or better nomination by all means do it and submit it on your own for Minden Hills," he said. "I don't know if quality versus quantity makes a difference, but I think people displaying their passion and putting their heart into it is some of the big points."

Nominate or find links for social media for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at www.khv2015.ca. Use #khv_minden on Twitter and Facebook to show your support.



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HHSSPORTSBRIEFS

Wrestlers visit Port Perry

The wrestling team competed in a tournament in Port Perry for the first meet of 2015. Greg Crofts and Keagan Gillam placed fourth. Matt Sexsmith and Rebecca Hamilton placed second, while Sonya Flatman brought home gold.

Junior basketball team falls to LCVI

The junior Red Hawks basketball team started out slowly against the LCVI Spartans, but were able to regroup in the second half. Unfortunately, it was too little too late. Sam Longo led all Red Hawks scorers with 12 points, which included three three-pointers in a span of two minutes in the fourth quarter.

Boys' hockey team defeats Knights

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team improved their record to five wins and one loss by defeating the Norwood Knights by a score of 7-1 as they head into the exam break. The line of Matt Wilbee, Mac Rider, and Paydon Miscio was on fire as it accounted for four of the team's goals.

Girls' hockey team quashes Wildcats

The varsity girls' hockey team hosted the I.E. Weldon Wildcats. The Red Hawks jumped out to an early first period lead with a blue line laser from Maddie Billings. Erin Little's snipe put the Hawks up 2-0. The Wildcats tried to claw their way back in the third period with a power play tally, but Sydney Cameron sealed the 3-1 win late in the third.

Bulldogs tamed by senior b-ball squad

The senior boys' basketball team took on the Brock Bulldogs and defeated them by a score of 52-29. The boys started off slowly, but a few quick points by Cody Bain sparked our onslaught. Stars of the game go to Cody Bain and Hunter Smith who led the team with 28 points.

Tough loss for junior basketball team

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team had a tough loss to the Brock Bulldogs. The boys played sol-

idly in the first half but a relentless Bulldog press in the second half proved to be the difference. Final score, 36-28 for Brock.

Junior girls defeat I.E. Weldon volleyball team

The junior girls' volleyball team had a great tournament in front of a hometown crowd with a victory over I.E. Weldon, a top team in the league.

Girls' hockey team takes on Holy Cross

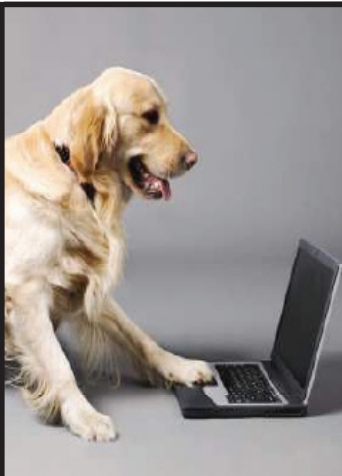
The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Peterborough to face off against Holy Cross. Brynn Meyers enabled the team to get within a goal on a nice pass from Alicia McLean in the third period. However, a five-on-three penalty kill late in the third period proved to be the difference, with Holy Cross taking a 3-1 lead and securing their win.

Submitted by Judi Paul

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Career and Business Opportunities



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**HUMAN RESOURCES
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The County of Haliburton is recruiting for a Human Resources Generalist/Deputy Clerk.

This is a multi-faceted administrative role specializing in Human Resources, Health and Safety, and general government administration.

You will have excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills and the ability to multi-task. Applicants may be required to undergo a skills assessment and/or testing.

A copy of the detailed job description is available online at haliburtoncounty.ca.

Resume and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca, by January 30, 2015.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Resumes will be accepted up to Monday January 26, 2015 at 4:30pm. Please send your resume to:

Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources at
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Legion welcomes seven new members



LEGION BR. 636

Last week was a very special Wednesday, when seven new members were initiated into the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch. The initiations took place following the regular Wednesday lunch and meat draws. Several existing members were present to witness the ceremony and support our newest members. (The photo of new members will appear in next week's paper.) Among them was Mabel Brannigan, a veteran and founding member of the branch who was instrumental in establishing the Minden Legion. On Jan. 1, the branch was renamed the Mabel D. Brannigan Branch to recognize her hard work and dedication to get the branch up and running. A plaque to honour her vision in acquiring our building now hangs above the fireplace in the clubroom. During Wednesday's lunch, President Judy Flieger presented Mabel Brannigan

with a duplicate of the plaque for her personal use.

Community groups use our premises almost every day of the week, thanks to your support of our lunches. This revenue helps Minden Legion pay for utilities and other operating expenses of the branch. We could not survive without our volunteers and the support of the community. Thank you one and all.

Liver lovers can now look forward to their favourite meal as a special, every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. We appreciate the dedication of Jim and Joanne, two of the newest members who have volunteered to cook. Minden Legion offers a full menu selection Monday through Thursday, with Friday's lunch feature being fish and chips. Friday nights from 5 to 7 p.m., we add another choice of wings and chips to the beer-battered fish special. Both selections can be served with hand-cut fries or onion rings. Takeouts are available.

Last Saturday, an overflow crowd packed the Minden Legion for the Highlands Trio. If you missed it, you missed a really good time! There were lots of reunions and hugs from good friends as people listened to the

down-east bluegrass and country music. Several well-known amateur singers and duos also shared the lime-light during the open mike sessions. The afternoon went smoothly thanks to volunteers Rick and Jenn Wilson and Barry and Karen Ford.

Our newsletter, *The Blue Beret*, has been so well received that a third printing has been produced. The calendar has been updated into February, so if you want to know what's going on, or just to read about the activities over the past few months, then pick up a copy soon!

If you are in the area of York University next Saturday, you may want to squeeze in a visit to the Ontario Command Winter Track and Field Championships. Approximately 500 young athletes will gather from across Ontario to test their skills against others in their age category: youth (17 years of age and under), or midget (15 and under). This is just one of the commitments supported by dues from members throughout Ontario, including Minden. You do not require a military connection in order to join the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Application forms are available at the bar.

Model flying club open to children

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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malfano@hotmail.ca

The Dorset Indoor Model Airplane and Helicopter Flying group is now meeting twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dorset Recreation Centre gym. All interested flyers (including kids!) should contact Peter Kourtz at 705-766-2722 for more information. The cost is \$1 per person and gym shoes are required.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, don't forget about the great snowshoe adventure hike on Friday January 23 with forestry professional Ernie Demuth to explore how our forests are harvested and managed in a sustainable way. The time for this hike is from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at the Frost Centre, 20130 Hwy 35, 12km south of Dorset. Registration is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithetfrost.ca. The cost is \$20 per person and snowshoe rentals are available at the special reduced rate of \$5 per pair.

The next snowshoe adventure hike in the series takes place on Saturday Jan 31 and the theme is "Into a Winter Camp". Hike leader Bob Davis will take you back into Canada's history and lead you on snowshoes into a traditional winter camp while at the same time provide insights into winter travel. Please bring a lunch. The time is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. meeting at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall at 1095 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Participants will then carpool to the trailhead. As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person.

Dorset's own sax player extraordinaire, Joe Alfano, is a part of the 2015 Huntsville Hospital Auxiliary's Hospital Cabaret at the Algonquin Theatre on Saturday January 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday February 1 at 2 p.m. The show is being presented by Sherisse Stevens, Tracey Hoehner and Neil Barlow with the Spectrum Band (Joe is in this band),

Suzanne Baxter, Kip Daynard, Nickolas Kulchar, Steve Morton, Jennifer Simpson, Lyall Turvey, The Larks, and Huntsville Hospital's Dr. Mathies and Dr. Wilson plus many more surprises. There will be music from Les Mis, ABBA, Wicked, Motown and much more!

Tickets are on sale at the Algonquin Theatre, 705-789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca and the cost is \$30 per person. Consider purchasing tickets as a gift for family and friends to this spectacular, toe tapping show as you support the purchase of much needed equipment for your hospital. This is an event not to be missed! All proceeds will go to the Huntsville Hospital Auxiliary's 2015 Fundraising Projects.

Birthday wishes for January 18 to 24 go out to Dave Bradbury, Samantha Black, Shirley Brown, Madison Allore, Dave McDonald, Brenda Davies, Darryl Dukoff and Happy Anniversary to Doris and Rick Nash. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send

them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Change of Fees to Building By-law 2014-38

TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 empowers Council to pass certain by-laws respecting construction, demolition, change of use, permits, fees and inspections. The Council of the Corporation of the township of Algonquin Highlands will be holding a Public Meeting on February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, to consider fee changes to Building By-law 2014-38.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the By-law is to amend Schedule A to Building By-law 2014-38 under the Permit Fees section to increase certain current fees and include a new fee related to Planning Application review for on-site sewage systems.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendments available to contacting the Building Department during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 21st day of January, 2015.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, Ontario K0M 1J1
Tel: (705) 489-2379
dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Review of Airport Land Use and Development Plan

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Township's Airport Land Use and Development Plan. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2015

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
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Writers & Radio Night

January 23rd at 7:30pm

For both events:
Doors open at 7:00 pm,
739 Mountain Street, Haliburton
Call 705-457-1009 or email: radiohall@canoefm.com
to reserve your seats.



Highland Storm Novices win MPS playdowns



The Highland Storm Novices came away from Port Carling the MPS Champions last weekend.

On Jan. 17 and 18 the Novices travelled to Port Carling to participate in the MPS Playdowns playing two games Saturday and two more on Sunday. Saturday started off with the Storm's toughest competition yet. After playing the Huntsville Otters four times over the course of the season, the Storm has battled hard each game and hasn't been able to come out on top. This game was going to take everything that the Storm had to give to show the Otters what they were made of. The Storm started the game off with the first goal putting the game into full swing. But the Otters weren't about to let us walk away with it and battled back just as hard keeping up with every goal. At the end of the third period they were tied at three putting the game into sudden death overtime. It was an intense overtime with both teams doing everything that they could to get the puck in the net. After a couple of close calls the Storm managed to hit the back of the net and take a 4-3 win in overtime.

Game two on Saturday had the Storm facing Parry Sound. They were tired after playing the game of the year just an hour and a half before but they were up for the challenge. Parry Sound battled hard, with a solid goaltender keeping them right in the game. The Storm managed to squeak three goals past the goaltender but it wasn't

easy. The Storm won the game 3-2.

Sunday brought a whole new day with more competition and the drive to make it to the A finals. Game one of the day had the Storm playing North Muskoka Rock. Another great solid game played by all players and a 7-0 win for the Storm.

With three wins under their belts the Canadian Tire Novices awaited the announcement of who they would have to face in the A finals. With one game left to play they knew that it was going to be tough. The A finals were set and ready to go the Highland Storm would face the South Muskoka Bears. Another tough team but the Storm had their eyes set on taking home the gold. The game started out with the Storm dominating the play, making great passes and trying to get the puck past the Bears goaltender. Finally the Storm was able to find the back of the net, and took a 1-0 lead. With everyone doing what they could to keep the Bears from getting one but the puck found its way into our net tying the score 1-1. But the Storm didn't give up. They battled hard back fought off penalties and continued to force the Bears to step up their game. With another goal for the Storm they were back in the lead. The Bears pulled out all the stops taking advantage of a power play they pulled the goalie to try and tie the game up with just over a minute left in play. The Storm took a time out and the coaches set the play in motion. With less than a minute left the Storm got an empty netter clenching a 3-1 win and showing the Bears just what they were made of.

The Canadian Tire Novices played a weekend of great hockey. Congratulations to Taylor Consack, Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Austin Boylan, Avery Degeer, Cody Keller, Greame Armstrong, Evan Gilbert, Nathan Harrison, and Logan Tripp as well as the coaching staff Tim Degeer, Scott Coles, Tom Perrott, Darnell Gilbert, and Darlene Armstrong on a fantastic weekend. Way to bring home the win!

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

Midget girls continue push for first

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls hosted the Wolverines from Keene Monday night in Wilberforce as they continued their last season push for first place in their LLFHL Eastern loop. The girls looked to continue their focused team play from their Orillia Tournament Championship as they hit the ice. Erin Little opened the scoring midway through the first period finishing off a rush with a wrist to beat the Keene tender. The Storm jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead with another tally from Erin Little putting a loose puck into the net off a goal-mouth scramble. The aggressive Wolverines

never gave up and scored on a power play midway through the second period drawing close at 2-1. In the third period, the Storm kept up their level of play and pushed up their offensive attack and scored two more unanswered goals. Brynn Meyers went five-hole off a two-on-one rush and Erin Little added another for the hat trick with an empty netter to solidify the 4-1 win. Great win, girls – with six wins in four days! Keep up the efforts as we push our ways into the league play-offs and provincial play downs.

On Saturday, the Storm girls travelled to Frankford to take on the Cold Creek Comets in one of their last 4 regular season games. Needing three points to guarantee first place in their loop and home ice advantage in league play-offs, the Storm faced off in an afternoon tilt against the Comets. Alicia McLean opened the scoring early in the first period finishing off a neutral zone rush with a sweet forehand-backhand dangle to beat the Cold Creek tender. Erin Little slipped in a rebound off a goal mouth scramble to put the Storm up 2-0 in the first period. The Storm continued their offensive pressure in the second period doubling their lead with goals from Alicia McLean and Kenndal Marsden. Connor Marsden turned away all Comet snipers with her eighth shut-out win of the season as the Storm went on to win the game 4-0.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted the Ennismore Eagles in Minden in an afternoon tilt to try and secure first place overall in their Eastern LLFHL loop. An action-packed game started in the first period with both clubs capitalizing on their scoring opportunities. The Storm held a first period lead of 3-2 with goals from Kenndal Marsden, Kelsey Maracle and Becca Anderson. The Eagles continued their aggressive play in the second period shutting down the offensive attack of the Storm keeping the score at 3-2 after a scoreless period. The Storm rallied in the third period and improved their team attack putting four unanswered tallies past the Ennismore netminder. Kenndal Marsden, Alicia McLean (with two) and Brynn Meyers all found the twine to round out the scoring in the 7-2 final score. Great finish girls to secure the win, and first place in our Eastern loop of the LLFH league with still two regular season games to our schedule. Awesome effort, girls!

The Storm's next home game is Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. in Minden when they host the West Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game before starting their league play-offs and provincial playdowns. Good luck, girls, as we continue our push for the Provincial Championship weekend. We will still need to keep building on our team focus and puck control to continue to build on our improving efforts.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

First playoff win for Bantam A

The playoffs began with a 7-3 win for the Storm Bantam A in Minden against the Oro Thunder. History shows that this should be an easy round for the Storm. It started early in the first with a rush by Devyn Prentice, a pass over to Patterson-Smith and he easily redirected in. Seconds later, Turner, being first to the puck, shoots it out front to Schmidt and he finds the opening, Storm winning 2-0. Late in the first, Cooper won the faceoff, rushed and took a shot, Lucas Haedicke grabbed the rebound and scored, making it 3-0, ending the first. Then, a pass from Jacob Haedicke to Cooper, he skillfully skated in and top cornered the puck. A minute later, Storm controlling the game in Oro's end, Manning snapped a pass to Patterson-Smith, he skated through the crease and saw the opening for another goal. The Storm continued to dominate the game. Next goal came from a shot by Patterson-Smith, Manning picked up the rebound and shot it in. Oro surprised the Storm with a late goal in the second, now 6-1. The Thunder came out strong and manage an early goal, and with the Storm a bit on their heels, got another later in the third, making it 6-3. Late in the third, Lucas Haedicke rushed in, made a quick pass to Cooper and his keen eye secured the 7-3 win.

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Storm Pee wee A Team wins MPS playoffs



Muskoka Parry Sound Pee wee A Champs are: #33 Ethan Glecoff, #2 Alex Little, #4 Ryan Hall (Captain), #7 Cole Prentice, #8 Benn MacNaull, #9 James Alexander, #10 Paul Turner, #11 Aaron Bellefleur, #12 Nigel Smith, #14 Tyson Clements, #15 Joe Boice, #16 Isaac Little (Assistant Captain), #17 Zach Morissette (Assistant Captain) and #27 Breaden Robinson, coached by Jason Morissette (Head Coach), Barry Boice (Assistant Coach), Clay Glecoff (Trainer) and Chris Hall (Assistant Trainer). /Photo by Clay Glecoff

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Pee wee A Team participated in the MPS Playoff Tournament over the weekend and skated away with the Championship Trophy!

Right from the get go, the boys served penalty after penalty but it couldn't bring them down, possibly just the opposite. Showing perseverance, heart and incredible teamwork by all players our boys battled it out winning all but one game.

The first of three games on Saturday, the team faced Muskoka Rock, a team they have not met in the regular season. Setting the tone for the weekend, the boys finished with a 4-2 win. Goals scored by Isaac Little (first and third periods), Paul Turner (first period) and Ryan Hall (second period) with assists from Tyson Clements, Zach Morissette, Benn MacNaull and Ryan Hall.

Saturday's second game saw Storm sparring against the Bracebridge Bears. With a hat trick from Braeden Robinson (second and third periods) along with goals from Alex Little (first period) and Tyson Clements (second period), assisted by James Alexander, Isaac Little, Joe Boice, Alex Little, Benn MacNaull and Aaron Bellefleur the boys made it look easy with a 5-1 win.

The third game of the day Storm faced their arch rivals the Huntsville Otters. Storm battled to the end but in the last five minutes a game that looked like it would result in a scoreless tie quickly became a loss ending in 2-0.

Sunday morning brought a new day and a determination to win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks to advance to the finals. Storm will face the Shamrocks in the first round of OMHA playoffs so this was a fantastic time for a trial run. The boys hit the ice with a vengeance and didn't look back, they found themselves playing shorthanded for much of the game but still managed to push through for a 3-0 win and a chance to face Huntsville again in the finals. Goals scored by Tyson Clements (first period), Joe Boice (second period) and Zach Morissette (second period) with assists from Isaac Little, Ryan Hall, Zach Morissette, Joe Boice and Ryan Hall.

The Championship game saw Huntsville and Storm battling it out once again. A quick goal early in the first period by Isaac Little, assisted by Tyson Clements started the game out right. In the second period Braeden Robinson sniped one in (his fourth of the tournament) assisted by Isaac Little and Aaron Bellefleur. Later in the second, Zach Morissette made it look easy with an unassisted goal. Huntsville wouldn't let the Storm boys off that easily and retaliated with two goals, one in the second and one in the third bringing the score to a close 3-2. With spectators on the edge of their seats Joe Boice scored the fourth goal for the Storm assisted by Benn MacNaull and

Alex Little. The crowd went wild but knew that our boys' work was far from done with over seven minutes remaining in the game. Goalie Ethan Glecoff stood on his head to make certain that Huntsville didn't repeat the previous day's late game scoring. A battle to the end, and even with one man in the penalty box and Huntsville's goalie pulled the boys fought right until the buzzer with six on four. Try as they might, Huntsville couldn't bring our boys down this time with a final score of 4-2! Muskoka Parry Sound Pee wee A Champs are: #33 Ethan Glecoff, #2 Alex Little, #4 Ryan Hall (Captain), #7 Cole Prentice, #8 Benn MacNaull, #9 James Alexander, #10 Paul Turner, #11 Aaron Bellefleur, #12 Nigel Smith, #14 Tyson Clements, #15 Joe Boice, #16 Isaac Little (Assistant Captain), #17 Zach Morissette (Assistant Captain) and #27 Breaden Robinson, coached by Jason Morissette (Head Coach), Barry Boice (Assistant Coach), Clay Glecoff (Trainer) and Chris Hall (Assistant Trainer).

Well played boys, a much deserved win.

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Submitted by Jennifer Little

Pee wee AE has what it takes to compete

The Peppermill Restaurant proudly sponsors the Pee wee AE Highland Storm, who attended the MPS Tournament in Burk's Falls this weekend. The tournament started with a thud, our team seemingly more excited about the pool and hotel fun than their first two games against South Muskoka and Almaguin. But with nothing to play for, against the best team in the loop, our team decided to throw everything to the wind and show up for their best game of the season. Over the past two games against Huntsville, the Storm lost 14-0 and 9-3 but on Saturday they were able to cut that deficit down to a 5-1 loss. The score did little to reflect the closeness of the game however, each team trading chances, winning and losing battles in the corner and frustrating the Huntsville squad who thought this would be a walk in the park. Brady Baldry scored the lone goal for the Storm on a feed by Jake Sisson.

The C final pitted our squad against Almaguin and against all odds the Storm played even better than before. Brendan Coumbs evened the score after the Ice Devils struck first and William Petrie potted a backhand to keep it tied at two apiece going into the third. Although they didn't have enough gas to carry the day, this squad is finally showing that they have what it takes to compete in the play-downs.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Hockey, hockey and more hockey for Tykes

It was hockey, hockey and more hockey for the Tom Prentice and Sons Storm Tyke team this past weekend. On Saturday, we travelled to Marmora to participate in the Centre Hastings tournament. The first two games were filled with excitement and great hockey, taking Storm to the A finals. It ended with a disappointing loss against Prince Edward County of 5-4 in overtime. Storm wasn't about to let the loss hold them down. On Sunday, Storm travelled to Bracebridge to have fun in another tournament. Again, there were lots of amazing goals, assists, passes, saves and team work. This time they took home the bragging rights of A winners! Congratulations team! Next face off is versing Brock Wild in Wilberforce on Saturday, Jan 24 at 1pm and Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. versing Huntsville.

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

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Agricultural society AGM this Friday

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse much to the cats' disappointment the Christmas tree has been packed away for yet another year. As the years pass this artificial, pre-lit model certainly is more convenient but sadly lacking in evergreen fragrance and the adventure of cutting a fresh one in your own field. We always puzzled over where all those perfect summer specimens disappeared to when struggling out knee deep in snow to that exact spot so vividly etched in the mind's memory. Frequent stops to deal with runny noses, frozen fingers and a collie that had to clean its paws of snow every few feet were forgotten when back in the kitchen feet up on the woodstove's open oven door. There is a challenging book titled *Last Child in the Wood - Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder* written by Richard Louv (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill 2005) which opens with a quote from a San Diego fourth grader. When asked why the child disliked going outdoors he replies "I like to play indoors better 'cause that's where all the electrical outlets are." Not a medical term the author defines nature-deficit disorder

as the human costs of alienation from nature and argues that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy child development on a physical, emotional and spiritual basis. The latest concerns regarding tobogganing bring back memories of flying down the flooded ice tracts in Riverdale Park and many years later on our honeymoon the New Year's Eve sledding at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City (who knew that due to provincial liquor laws everything closed its doors to entry after 10 p.m.) When we bought the farm some 46 years ago the teenage children living there were heard to assure our small, impressionable ones that a toboggan could easily travel all the way from the top of the ski hill to the door of the outhouse. Good planning as a visit to the outhouse would probably be required after that experience.

Regular events and programs are back in full swing here in Kinmount with a variety of experiences offered. At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 these range from the drop in fellowship to darts for ladies on Monday nights and mixed play on Wednesday evenings. It's bid euchre every Monday afternoon with a potluck before cards and Big Bucks Bid Euchre on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m. with a fee of \$10 which includes lunch. For Bingo fans Friday evenings at 6:45 p.m. the games begin with an attractive \$300 must go jackpot. To learn more call the Branch at 705-488-3462.

The Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies and Guides meets every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the community centre with an impressive program of learning experiences and community involvement for girls. During the year there are special events including overnight camping and taking an active role in helping to keep our town ready to receive visitors by pitching in on clean-up day. For more information on the Unit give Lynne Kilby a call at 705-488-2919.

The Kinmount Branch of the City of Kawartha Lakes is another active place for families with open hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings. In summer the outdoor reading garden is a popular spot. For young children on Tuesday mornings "Expanding the World of Literacy on the Alphabet Train" is offered but for details on the programs and services at the Library please call 705-488-3199.

A reminder to those involved in the Kinmount Fair or interested in becoming involved the Kinmount Agricultural Society will hold its annual general meeting this Friday, Jan. 23 at the Galway Hall with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 8 p.m. There is parking adjacent to the hall and the facility is fully accessible.

If you have any news about local events or special family happenings please give me a call. Until next week keep busy and well. They go together . . .

Card scores

January 13 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that Catherine Kellett led the scoring at 4,710 then David Gray 3,900 and Dave Heaven 3,870 with Catherine and Wendy Miller teaming up for a Small Slam.

January 13 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Fletcher 4,610, Willie Cox 4,090, Gail Medcalf 4,040 and Joan McDonald 3,940 while the Lucky Loonie was presented to our bridge reporter [three events] Muriel McIntosh.

January 13 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts were Bev Alexander and John Kerr 416 with Connie Sawyer and Ray Lymer next at 348. In third place at 342 was the duo of Eleanor Lymer and Pam Pappas while Jean Randell partnered with Tom Orr posted the afternoon's low of 223. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this update.

January 13 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Clare Obdam 296, Shirley Milne 293, Eileen Shapiera 292 and Pat Roussel 284. At 295 Albert Foster took top marks for the gents then Marcel Roussel 277, Bob Pollard 256 and Jesse Barlow 251. Howard Smith won the major draw prize with Theresa Deak, Eileen Shapiera and Jesse Barlow claiming the smaller ones. Betty Wagar further reports that Jesse also had a moonshot along with Kevin Maloney [2], Garth Windsor and Tom Grix.

January 13 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that Shirley Davis claimed most lone hand honours with Reta Crofts high lady and Betty Hicks low. For the gents Harold Harvie took high man with Jim MacPherson low and Terry Davis won the draw.

January 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Reet Murray and Ev Morgan led at 56 percent with a tie between Stella McMilland and Frank Schlotter and Joan Davies partnered with Marion Gillander at 55 percent. In third spot was the duo of Diane James and Kathie Porter at 54 percent.

January 14 bid euchre at Stanhope: First for the pinks was Marg Oetelaar 262 then Jean Scadden 257 and Willie Cox 248. At 292 Pat Scadden led the whites with Jack Cox next at 274 and our reporter Linda Lambert 222 third while Willie Cox and Jean Dutka claimed the moonshots.

January 15 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 354, Betty Wagar 280, Pat Roussel 247 and Ida Young 236. First at 290 for the gents was Albert Foster followed by Pat Scadden 263, Kevin Maloney 235 and our reporter Bev Johnson 234. Karin Harrison won for the hidden score, Dwaine Lloyd for the card draw and Bev Johnson for call 1 while moonshots landed on Albert Foster, Theresa Deak, Pat Scadden and Pat Roussel [2].

January 15 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand

honours went to Bev Alexander and Kaye Bull with Pat McInnis and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows were claimed by Pearl Cowen and Harold Harvie with Betty Wagar, Kaye Bull, Theresa Deak and Bev Alexander taking home the other prizes. This news comes from our interim reporter Tom Grix.

January 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Irena and Alek Zworski led at 57 percent followed by Jack and Willie Cox 56 percent. Tied for third at 54 percent were Kathie Porter and Linda Cherry and Ev Morgan partnered with Reet Murray.

January 16 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Nick Boekestyn, for lone hands Ellen Holden, for low hands Judy Reddy and for the special prize Pat Bailey. Thanks to Shirley Howe for her report.

January 17 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster reports that the leading ladies were Jean Randell 279, Vi Howell 265, Shirley Howe 256 and Jean Scadden 216. First for the gents at 330 was Jesse Barlow followed by Kevin Maloney 276, Marcel Roussel 264 and Ron Morrison 243. Jean Randell won the major special prize while Vi Howell, Pat Roussel and Theresa Deak claimed the minors. In the moonshot column Theresa Deak had a single with Ida Young, Kevin Maloney and Marcel Roussel each taking two.

January 18 Sunday bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Top trio members were Kevin Maloney, Marcel Roussel and Vi Howell with Jesse Barlow winning for the card draw and Jason Peacock for call 1. There was a 3 way tie for the hidden score honours amongst Pat Scadden, Albert Foster and Jean Scadden while in the moonshot department Jesse Barlow, Bev Johnson, Tom Grix and Marcel Roussel had singles while Pat Roussel doubled.

January 19 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Ellen Holden and Elaine Smith with Margaret Fletcher and Mabel Deacon posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows were a family affair going to Betty and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Annah Buxcey winning the special prize.

January 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high score holders were Theresa Deak 297, Karin Harrison 258 and Carol Murphy 253 with our reporter Rose Isaacson the draw winner. Rose also took a moonshot along with Sam Gaudet, Frank Franzen, Ron Morrison, Rae Dawn Shephard [2] and Theresa Deak [2].

January 19 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Pearl Cowen won for high hands, Shirley Howe and Margaret Fletcher shared lone hands, our reporter Sherin Brown claimed low hands and Lil Mann took home the special prize.

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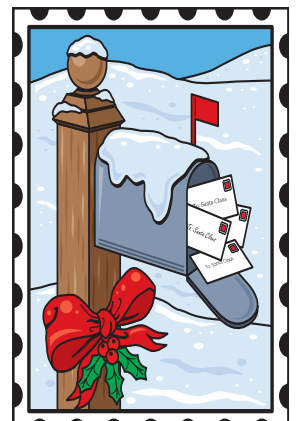
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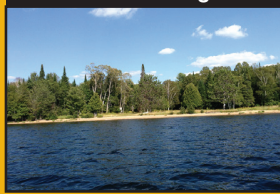
Haliburton Village \$259,000



- Renovated 4+ bdrm in town home
- New windows upstairs, soffit and eaves
- New propane boiler and furnace
- Flat lot with lots of parking

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- Over 6 acres; West exp. Sand Beach
- 575' on Oblong Lake - a 2 lake chain
- Level lot and year round access
- Bell and high speed at lot line

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Minden Home \$149,900



NEW PRICE

- 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home
- Nice level lot and single garage
- Spotless and clean freshly painted
- New carpet and linoleum, close to school

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Country Home w/ Acreage \$219,900



NEW PRICE

- 13.2 acres; Hard & softwood bush
- 3 BR home with covered porch; S exp.
- Direct access to public snowmobile trails
- Close to Minden and all amenities

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- Year round home on CLEAR LAKE
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, level lot
- Beautiful sand beach, fully furnished
- Oversized insulated garage, just perfect

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Kushog Lake Acreage \$195,000



- 30 acres with 85 feet waterfront
- Off year round municipal road
- Many great building sites
- Hard sand bottom waterfront

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

3 Lake Chain! \$339,900



- Great opportunity on Beech Lake
- Charming cottage on level lot, south facing
- Features 100 ft of sandy shoreline, great for the kids
- Lots of potential and priced to sell!

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- Year round condo living close to Minden
- 4 BR, 3 baths; upgraded high-end finishes
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Koshlong Lake Area \$79,900



- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

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Commercial Building \$239,900



- Nicely renovated 2 story office building
- Great location downtown Minden
- Ideal for professional or retail business
- Presently has a tenant on lease

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Minden Home \$115,000



- Known as the Bethel Church
- Beautiful old building
- Recent septic & drilled well
- Excellent for the Pan-am games

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Great Starter Cottage \$105,000



- 3 bedroom starter cottage
- Private setting
- Township road
- Public access to Clear Lake across the road

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home \$229,000



NEW LISTING

- Recently built Guildcrest home
- Close to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub

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Minden Home \$147,000



- Central location, value packed and priced to sell
- 3 Bedroom home with double detached garage
- Lovely 1+ acre lot with gardens & trees
- 200 amp service, newer roof, FA Furnace

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Glamor Lake \$569,000



- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

Halls Lake \$250,000



SOLD

- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

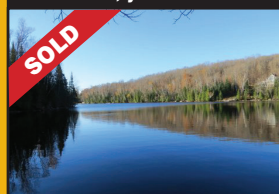
Highway 35 \$199,000



- Great commercial lot, Just over 2 acres
- Close to several new business developments
- Fantastic business opportunity, call today!

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Yes, you can afford Soyers Lake! \$119,900



SOLD

- 2.33 acres of well forested land
- Great building sites with awesome lake view
- Water frontage across the quiet cottage road
- Fabulous home or cottage location

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Sunnyside Hilltop Lot \$68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

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Country Home with Lake Access \$239,000




SOLD

- 3 Bedroom/2 Bath Home, Boat Launch to Kushog 300m Away
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Close to Town! \$150,000



SOLD

- Immaculate, 2 bdrm plus den, 1.5 bath
- Private, quiet neighbourhood, easy access
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